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SUBJECT: ELMER MACKAY DISCLOSURE OF NOVA SCOTIA RCMP

INVESTIGATION: PRESS COMMENTARY

1. IN "NOVA SCOTIA NOTEBOOK", OPINION COLUMN BYLINED BY IAN THOMPSON OF HALIFAX "CHRONICLE-HERALD" (7/16/77), STATEMENT IS MADE THAT GOVT OF NS PREMIER GERALD REGAN COULD BE IN SERIOUS TROUBLE. COLUMNIST BASED HIS REMARKS ON STATEMENT MADE IN COMMONS JULY 14 BY MP ELMER MACKAY THAT RCMP INVESTIGATION IS UNDERWAY IN NS WHICH REACHES "INTO THE HIGHEST ECHELONS OF THE NOVA SCOTIA GOVERNMENT".

2. DISMISSING COMMENT OF NS ATTY GEN LEONARD PACE THAT MACKAY ALLEGATIONS ARE IRRESPONSIBLE AND SMACK OF "MCCARTHYSM", THOMPSON SAID THAT MACKAY HAS GOOD TRACK RECORD SO FAR AND IF WHAT HE IS NOW SAYING IS THE TRUTH THEN IT CAN HARDLY BE IRRESPONSIBLE.

3. CONFIDENCE EXPRESSED BY COLUMNIST THAT RCMP WILL PURSUE INVESTIGATION DILIGENTLY IF FOR NO OTHER REASON THAN BECAUSE IT HAS BEEN STUNG SEVERELY IN OTHER INVESTIGATIONS INVOLVING THE POLITICAL WORLD. MOST RECENTLY THERE UNCLASSIFIED

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HAVE BEEN SUGGESTIONS THAT RCMP BACKED AWAY FROM AN INVESTIGATION IN NEW BRUNSWICK WHICH WAS GETTING TOO CLOSE TO TURNING UP INFO ON MALFEASANCES OF ELECTED OFFICIALS.

4. COLUMN CONCLUDES BY HARKING BACK TO WATERGATE AND IMPLYING THAT MACKAY WAS VERY CONSCIOUS OF HIS

TERMINOLOGY WHEN MENTIONING THE "HIGHEST ECHELONS"
OF THE PROVINCIAL GOVT.

5. POUCHING COPIES OF COLUMN TO EMBASSY OTTAWA AND
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